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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt Advices, *Foreign and Domeſtic.*

ENTERTAINMENT.

Sapere aude
Incipe. Vivendi recte qui prorogat horam,
Ruſticus expectat dum deflunt amnis: at ille
Labitur, & labetur in omne volubilis ævum. HOR.

AN ancient Poet, unreaſonably diſcontented at the preſent State of Things, which his Syſtem of Opinions obliged him to repreſent in its worſt Form, has obſerved of the Earth, "that its greater Part is covered by the uninha-"bitable Ocean; that of the reſt ſome is encumbered "with naked Mountains, and ſome loſt under barren "Sands; ſome ſcorched with uninterrmitted Heat, and ſome petrified with "perpetual Froſt; ſo that only a few Regions remain for the Production "of Fruits, the Paſture of Cattle, and the Accommodation of Man."

The ſame Obſervation may be tranſferred to the Time allotted us in our preſent State. When we have deducted all that is abſorbed in Sleep, all that is inevitably appropriated to the Demands of Nature, or irreſiſtibly engroſſed by the Tyranny of Cuſtom; all that paſſes in regulating the ſuperficial Decorations of Life, or is given up in the Reciprocations of Civility to the Diſpoſal of others; all that is torn from us by Violence of Diſeaſe, or ſtolen imperceptibly away by Laſſitude and Languor; we ſhall find that Part of our Duration very ſmall of which we can truly call ourſelves Maſters, or which we can ſpend wholly at our own Choice. Many of our Hours are loſt in a Rotation of petty Cares, in a conſtant Recurrence of the ſame Employments; many of our Proviſions for Eaſe or Happineſs are always exhauſted by the preſent Day; and a great Part of our Exiſtence ſerves no other Purpoſe, than that of enabling us to enjoy the reſt.

Of the few Moments which are left in our Diſpoſal, it may reaſonably be expected that we ſhould be ſo frugal, as to let none of them ſlip from us without ſome Equivalent; and perhaps it might be found, that as the Earth, however ſtreightened by Rocks or Waters, is capable of producing more than all its Inhabitants are able to conſume, our Lives, though much contracted by incidental Diſtraction, and inevitable Avocations, would yet afford us a large Space vacant to the Exerciſe of our Reaſon and our Virtue; that we want not Time, but Diligence, for great Performances; and that we ſquander much of our Allowance, even think it ſparing and inſufficient.

This natural and neceſſary Comminution of our Lives, perhaps, often makes us inſenſible of the Negligence with which we ſuffer them to ſlide away; we never conſider ourſelves as poſſeſſed at once of Time ſufficient for any great Deſign, and therefore indulge ourſelves in fortuitous Amuſements. We think it unneceſſary to take an Account of a few ſupernumerary Moments, which, however employed, could have produced little Advantage, and which were expoſed to a thouſand Chances of Diſturbance and Interruption.

It is obſervable, that either by Nature or by Habit, our Underſtandings are fitted to Images of a certain Extent, to which we adjuſt great Things by Diviſion, and little Things by Accumulation. Of extenſive Surfaces we can only take a Survey, as the Parts ſucceed one another; and Atoms we cannot perceive, 'til they are united into Maſſes. Thus we break the vaſt Periods of Time into Centuries and Years; and thus, if we would know the Amount of Moments, we muſt aggiomerate them into Days and Weeks.

The proverbial Oracles of our parſimonious Anceſtors have informed us, that the fatal Waſte of Fortune is by ſmall Expences, by the Profuſion of Sums too little to alarm our Caution, and which we never ſuffer ourſelves to conſider together. Of the ſame Kind is the Prodigality of Life; he that hopes to look back hereafter with Satisfaction upon paſt Years, muſt learn to know the preſent Value of ſingle Minutes, and endeavour to let no Particle of Time fall uſeleſs to the Ground.

It is uſual for thoſe who are adviſed to the Purſuit of any Study, or Attainment of any new Qualification, to look upon themſelves as required to change the general Courſe of their Conduct, to diſmiſs Buſineſs, and exclude Pleaſure, and to devote their Days and Nights to a particular Attention. But all common Degrees of Excellence are attainable at a lower Price; he that ſhould ſteadily and reſolutely aſſign to any Science or Language thoſe interſtitial Vacancies which intervene in the moſt crouded Variety of Diverſion or Employment, would find every Day new Irradiations of Knowledge, and diſcover how much more is to be hoped from Frequency and Perſeverance than from violent Efforts, and ſudden Deſires; Efforts which are ſoon remitted when they encounter Difficulty, and Deſires, which, if they are indulged too often, will ſhake off the Authority of Reaſon, and range capriciouſly from one Object to another.

The Diſpoſition to defer every important Deſign to a Time of Leiſure, and a State of ſettled Uniformity, proceeds generally from a falſe Eſtimate of the human Powers. If we except thoſe gigantick and ſtupendous Intelligences who are ſaid to graſp a Syſtem by Intuition and bound forward from one Series of Concluſions to another, without regular Steps through intermediate Propoſitions, the moſt ſucceſsful Students make their Advances in Knowledge by ſhort Flights, between each of which the Mind may lie at Reſt. For every ſingle Act of Progreſſion a ſhort Time is ſufficient; and it is only neceſſary, that whenever that Time is afforded, it be well employed.

Few Minds will be long confined to ſevere and laborious Meditation; and when a ſucceſsful Attack on Knowledge has been made, the Student recreates himſelf with the Contemplation of his Conqueſt, and forbears another Incurſion, 'til the new-acquired Truth has become familiar, and his Curioſity calls upon him for freſh Gratification. Whether the Time of Intermiſſion is ſpent in Company, or in Solitude, in neceſſary Buſineſs, or in voluntary Levities, the Underſtanding is equally abſtracted from the Object of Enquiry; but, perhaps, if it be detained by Occupations leſs pleaſing, it returns again to ſtudy with greater Alacrity, than when it is glutted with ideal Pleaſures, and ſurfeited with Intemperance of Application. He that will not ſuffer himſelf to be diſcouraged by fancied Impoſſibilities, may ſometimes find his Abilities invigorated by the Neceſſity of exerting them in ſhort Intervals, as the Force of a Current is increaſed by Contraction of its Chanel.

From ſome Cauſe like this, it has probably proceeded, that among thoſe who have contributed to the Advancement of Learning, many have riſen to Eminence in Oppoſition to all the Obſtacles, which external Circumſtances could place in their Way, amidſt the Tumult of Buſineſs, the Diſtreſſes of Poverty, or the Diſſipations of a wandering and unſettled State. A great Part of the Life of *Euripides* was one continual Peregrination, ill ſupplied with the Gifts of Fortune, and led from City to City, and from Kingdom to Kingdom, by the Hopes of Patrons and Preferment, Hopes which always flattered and always deceived him, but yet found Means by unſhaken Conſtancy, and a vigilant Improvement of thoſe Hours, which, in the Midſt of the moſt reſtleſs Activity, will remain unengaged, to write more than another in the ſame Condition would have hoped to read. Compelled by Want to Attendance and Solicitation, and ſo much verſed in common Life, that he has tranſmitted to us the moſt perfect Delineation of the Manners of his Age, he joined to this Knowledge of the World, ſuch Application to Books, that he will ſtand for ever in the firſt Rank of literary Heroes. How this Proficiency was obtained he ſufficiently diſcovers, by informing us, that the *Praiſe of Folly*, one of his moſt celebrated Performances, was compoſed by him on the Road to *Italy*; *ne totum illud tempus quo equo fuit inſidendum, illiteratis fabulis tereretur*, leſt the Hours which he was obliged to ſpend on Horſeback, ſhould be tattled away without Regard to Literature.

An *Italian* Philoſopher expreſſed in his Motto, that *Time was his Eſtate*; an Eſtate, indeed, which will produce nothing without Cultivation, but will always abundantly repay the Labours of Induſtry, and generally ſatisfy the moſt extenſive Deſires, if no Part of it be ſuffered to lie waſte by Negligence, to be over-run with noxious Plants, or laid out for Show rather than for Uſe.

From the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

STATE *of* FORRIGN AFFAIRS.

IF we recollect the Tranſactions of the Year paſt ſo far as they regard the political Syſtem of *Europe*, it will appear that they have tended chiefly to the Eſtabliſhment of Peace, the Improvement of Trade, the Cultivation of Arts, and the Advancement of mutual Harmony among the ſeveral Powers.

The Northern States, particularly *Ruſſia* and *Sweden*, tho' perhaps more eaſily provoked to War than any other, are yet in a State of moſt cordial Friendſhip. To one of the beſt of Kings that ever govern'd *Sweden*, has ſucceeded a Prince, who, if we may judge of the Progreſs of his Reign, by its Beginning, bids fair to aſſuage the Animoſities that prevail among the Subjects, by uniting them in one Purſuit, that if the *true Intereſt of their Country*. Nor is *Ruſſia* leſs happy in a Sovereign; the preſent Empreſs by her prudent and ſteady Conduct towards her Neighbours, and by her mild and equitable Government, has carried the Grandeur and Importance of her Empire to a greater Height than any of her Predeceſſors.

Denmark boaſts a Monarch ſo eminently Good, that his Reign has afforded uninterrupted Happineſs to his People, who have nothing to lament but the Loſs of that amiable Princeſs, their late moſt excellent Queen.

Pruſſia, from her Connection with the Empire, has, by a Stroke in Politicks, hardly to be paralell'd, riſen to command that Ballance of Power in *Europe*, ſo long the Boaſt of the Maritime Powers. The Prince upon the Throne, as he has already diſplay'd his Capacity for War, has turn'd his Thoughts on the Arts of Peace. The new Charter which he has lately ſo amply extended, and ſo ſtrongly confirmed to the Aſiatic Company, is a Proof of what Importance he eſteems the Cultivation of Commerce, and how much he has at Heart that grand Point of making the Port of *Embden* the Key to the Trade of the Empire.

The new Subſidy Treaty concluded with the King of *Poland*, Elector of *Saxony*, by the Maritime Powers, and ſome wiſe Regulations made with regard to the Manufacture of *Porcelane* at *Dreſden*, are no inconſiderable Advantages to that impoveriſh'd Country.

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The Imperial Court of *Germany* has been chiefly employ'd during the laſt Year in facilitating the Election of the young Arch-duke of *Auſtria*, to be King of the *Romans*; a Meaſure chiefly oppos'd by his *Pruſſian* Majeſty, rather perhaps to ſhew his Importance, and to bring the Empreſs Queen to ratify the Ceſſion of thoſe Provinces torn from the Imperial Dominions during the late War, than totally to defeat it.

The Kings of *Spain* and *Portugal* have been employed without Enemies; the King of *Portugal* in redreſſing the Grievances cauſed by the Ignorance and Bigotry of a weak Eccleſiaſtick, * who governed abſolutely during the long Indiſpoſition of his late Majeſty; and the King of *Spain* in repairing the Loſſes ſuſtained in the War, as well by the Decay of Trade, the Neglect of the Manufactures, and the Deſtruction of the Marine, as by that Profuſion of Expence, which totally exhauſted the Finances, and impoveriſh'd the People.

France is buſied in rendering herſelf formidable, and is conſequently ſuſpected by her Neighbours. Her Armies conſiſt already of more than 400,000 diſciplined Troops, and are every where augmenting; her Navy, which was in a ruinous Condition at the End of the laſt War, is repaired and increaſed; and her Commerce is become flouriſhing and extenſive. Both her Trade to *Canada* for Furrs, to *St. Domingo* for Indigo, to *Martinico* for Sugars, and to the *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Indies* for their various Productions, ſhe is preparing to monopolize the Slaves, Gold, and Gums of *Africa*. Her Colonies are ſupported with Diligence and Inflexibility; her Manufacturers encouraged by Premiums and Penſions; and her Traffick and Merchandize extended to the remoteſt Corners of the Earth.

By this Rivalſhip in commercial Glory, the *Dutch* are far from being unaffected; to maintain their Dignity, and to allure the Merchant with the Hope of Gain, they are opening their Ports to all Nations, reducing the Duties upon Goods, and ſtrengthening their Colonies abroad. The Loſs of their Father of his Country, the *Prince* of *Orange*, has greatly embarraſſed their Affairs, which is no otherwiſe to be repair'd but by a ſteady Purſuit of thoſe Meaſures which he had plann'd for the Public Good.

As to our own Affairs, let us hope that the flouriſhing State of the Nation, the gradual Diſcharge of the public Debts, the enacting many good Laws, and the equal Diſtribution of Juſtice, will render us no leſs happy and reſpected than the moſt ambitious and envied of our Neighbours.

* *Father Gaſpard, the King's Confeſſor.*

LONDON.

May 1. There never was a Scheme for the public Weal ſo perfect, but ſome Additions or Alterations might be made for the better enforcing its Obſervance. Time and Experience muſt ever ſtill ſuggeſt ſomething that was not originally intended: Thus when the Parliament paſs'd into a Law, which made Confeſſion to which all human Determinations are unavoidably liable. The preſent Laws for the Suppreſſion of the horrid Crime of Murder, and Statutes will exhauſted for that Purpoſe, that every Criminal convicted of Murdered, ſhould be immediately condemned, next Day after Trial, and the Body given to be be anatomized. There is one Circumſtance which might be added with Succeſs, and which, as it carries an Obvious Reaſon in it, may perhaps every Term, and produce one Effect of Conſequence, which is, that the Execution of every Murderer ſhould be in the Night Time.——It is invariably true, that the Night naturally brings with it a kind of Dread that ſtrongly operates upon the Heart of Man. When in a Play we obſerve the Stage darkened, we are naturally ſtruck with Terror, and the Soul is alarmed with the Expectation of ſome aſtoniſhing Event. If this holds in the artificial Repreſentation of Nature, how much more will it hold in real Life! Would not every Heart ſhudder to think of a Criminal ſuffering in the Preſence of the Officers of Juſtice only, with the Shades of Darkneſs about him? For Night introduces a ſolemn Horror, and diffuſes a ſublimating Awe upon the World.

To the PRINTER.

SIR,

AS you have immortalized *Willy Waugh* by the Publication of his Epitaph, written ſo much in his Strain, that the Author appears to have much of his Spirit; I hope you will confer the ſame Honour upon *Walter Dymocke*, Eſq; who lately expired in one of your Papers, by publiſhing the following ELEGY upon him, written by his and

Your Friend and humble Servant,

UNKNOWN.

O *WALTER!* Thou for great Atchievments born!
To *fear* no ſacred Things with pious Scorn.
To *laugh* at Truths, the hardieſt Ghoſt in Hell
In their dread Entry with Trembling feel.
Gifted with *pious Zeal*, with *Grace* endow'd
To hinder a Diſſenter to do —— Good;
(Whoſe Poems could not help offending thee,
While guilty of the *Crime* of *Piety*)
Zealous that Vice ſhould triumph in our Land,
Rather than be reform'd by *ſuch* a Hand.
To burleſque Scripture, with a *Chriſtian* Name,
And point out Blaſphemies, 'til you blaſpheme;
To drag each pious Thought, that aims to riſe,
Down to thy *native Bathos*, from the Skies.
To *cavil*, yet uſurp a *Critic's* Name;
To torture *harmleſs* Words 'til they blaſpheme.
With dark Dexterity t'explain *away*,
Or turn to *Nonſenſe* Thoughts as clear as Day;
Conſcious of Guilt, to *hide* yourſelf thro' Shame,
Yet ſcribble on, and hope *immortal Fame*.
Zealous t'extinguiſh the deteſted Spark
Of *New-Light*, that you may *enjoy the Dark*;
(So the dull Owl deteſts the Glare of Noon,
And ſhrieching ſweet, would wiſh to quench the Sun)
The Cauſe you would eſtabliſh to *confound*,
And with unlucky Blows *yourſelf* to wound.
To publiſh *Pindar's* Strains *, and thus to ſhew.
An *unintended* Kindneſs to a Foe.
To *cheriſh* with your peſtilential Breath
Poetic Flow'rs you tried to *blaſt* to Death,
(So *Vinegar* is a Preſervative,
And ſtinking *Dung* makes Vegetables thrive)
A Score of *various* Characters to *ape*,
Yet prove yourſelf the *ſame* in ev'ry Shape.
Whether as *Principal* you take the Field;
Or your *own Second*, when *yourſelf* muſt yield.
Whether you lull your Readers to Repoſe,
With the dull Opiates of your heavy *Proſe*,
Or your low *Verſes*, as we lie aſleep,
Like *Chinces*, ſtink and bite us, as they creep.
Whether to ſtupid Strains you ſhew your *Spite*;
Or *authorize* them by the Strains you *write*.
Whether your Muſe in ſweet *Bathetic* Verſe
Mourns at your *wiſer* Brother *Willy's* † Hearſe:
Or in *affected* hudibraſtic Lays,
Obliges Pindar with your *kind* Diſpraiſe.
(For Praiſe *ſincere* beſtow'd in *Walter's* Rhymes,
Would nettle Pindar more ten thouſand Times.)
Ah! after theſe Atchievments, after all
Thy huge heroic Actions, muſt thou fall!!!
Ah! muſt thou fall inglorious from the Sky,
Into th'Abyſs of *Taciturnity!*
Forlorn, neglected, ſilent, there to dwell
'Til rous'd by ſome *Diſſenter's* impious Zeal;
Who dare commit th' *unpardonable* Crime
Of labouring to reform this *over-righteous* Time:
Then ſhall thy *Ghoſt*, inſpir'd with *uſual* Rage,
Start from its Sleep, and *haunt* his hated Page.
Or when ſome *Second* in *Religion's* Cauſe,
Like *Pindar's* Friend, his *impious* Weapon draws;
Then ſhall thy Tongue the Bonds of Silence break,
And in th' old Cauſe *prophanely pious* ſpeak.
O thou that criticiz'd ſo *well*, ſo *long*,
Muſt thou lie *ſilent* with the vulgar Throng!
Ah! haſt thou *ſpent* at length th' exhauſtleſs Store
Of thy ſtale *Venom*, and canſt ſpit no more!
How ſhort, alas! the Victories of *Wit!*
How ſoon ev'n *Critic's* muſt to Death ſubmit!
Permit a grateful Muſe that wails thy Doom,
To form a triple Garland ‡ to adorn thy Tomb.
Thus *Cyrus*, *Alexander*, *Julius*, all
The ſtruting Sovereigns that once rul'd this Ball;
Who *criticiz'd* on human *Liberty*,
And murder'd *Men* inſtead of *Poetry*;
Thus flush'd with Succeſs, and elate with Pride,
Walter! alas, like thee untimely dy'd.
Thus too a *kind good-natured Spider* ſpreads
His diſembowel'd Web of fineſt Threads.
Bruſh down the Web; you bruſh it down in vain;
Th' *unwearied* Creature's at his Work again.
On *Sunday* too the *pious* Worm will ſpin,
And fears no more than *Walter* leſt he *ſin*.
Again muſt *harmleſs* Flies become his Prey;
And only *noxious* Waſps get ſafe away.
At length th'*exhauſtleſs* Fund within decays,
And Death muſt terminate his *buſy* Days.
The odious SECT of Flies ſhall now encreaſe,
As faſt as *New-Lights* ſince *Dymocke's* Deceaſe.
So have I ſeen a *Pole-Cat* long prevail
O'er Men and Dogs with his *all-conquering Tail*,
Deep from within *reſiſtleſs Juices* flow,
(Fragrant as your *Remarks*) and ſuffocate the Foe.
But lo! at length his guardian *Juices* fail;
In vain he *ſtrains* to *p---ſs*, and flings his Tail.
His *ſole* Defence is gone (his *Brains* and *Senſe*
And *Paws* were not intended for *Defence*)
His Enemies prevail, and now he *ſinks*,
A helpleſs Prey, he dies, and dying *ſtinks*.
Yet his triumphant Foes (leſt they be vain)
His *Fragrant ſweet Memorial* long retain.
So I with *Walter* have convers'd ſo long,
Good Reader, ſtop thy Noſe at my *infected* Song.

* *In ſundry of his Papers, Mr.* Dymocke *did little elſe but favour the Public with Extracts from the Poems; and had not his general Deſign appeared to be malignant, his Readers would have concluded, he only intended to excite their* Curioſity *to purchaſe and peruſe them.*

† *The late memorable* Willy Waugh.

‡ *Viz. The three following* Similes.

WILLIAMSBURG, Auguſt 14.

Yeſterday the Rev. Mr. *William Stith*, A. M. late Rector of *Henrico* Pariſh, was elected Preſident of the College of *William* and *Mary*, in the Room of the Reverend and Honourable Doctor *William Dawſon*, deceas'd.

Entered Inwards, in *York* River.

Aug. 7. *Dinwiddie, Iſham Randolph, from London, with ſundry European Goods, but is to load in James River.*

11. *Brigantine Orrel, Samuel Lacey was Maſter, but he and the chief Mate being dead, the ſecond Mate officiates as Maſter, having on Board* 86 *Slaves, from Africa, by Way of Barbados.*

Cleared Outwards.

Aug. 5. *Fame, Henry Churchman, for Briſtol.*

5. *Pamunkey, Edward Noel, for Madeira.*

7. *Cumberland, John Griffin, for Liverpool.*

Entered Inwards, in the Port of *Rappahanock.*

Aug. 8. *The Anne, of Aberdeen, John Thomſon, from Port Hampton and Aberdeen, with European Goods.*

8. *The Minerva, of Liverpool, Thomas Jordan, from Africa, with* 160 *Slaves.*

10. *Schooner Anne & Jean, of North-Carolina, John Chamberlain, from North-Carolina, with* 144 *barrels of Tar, and* 82 *Barrels of Pitch.*

Aug.

11. *The Fredericksburg, of Rappahanock, William Holmes, from Barbadoes, with 40 Hhds. of Rum, & 35 Negroes.*

Cleared Outwards.

Aug 4. *Sloop Tappahanock, of Virginia, Thomas Tolson, for Maryland, with European Goods.*

8. *Ship Nancy, of Liverpool, Thomas Midgely, for Liverpool, with 219 Hhds. of Tobacco, 5500 Hhd. & Barrel Staves, & 240 Feet of Walnut Plank & Logs.*

8. *Ship Rachael, of London, John Armstrong, for London, with 409 Hhds. of Tobacco, 30 Tons of Pig Iron, 2 Trunks of Gensing 1600 Staves, 100 Feet of Walnut Logs.*

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To the PUBLIC.

AS I have for some Years past been fully convinc'd of the pernicious Consequences of an unsettled and rambling Life, and of giving the Reins to exorbitant Passions, and unlawful Desires, which have been too predominant with me, I am now determined to spend the Remainder of my Days in a close Application to some reputable Business, wherein I may render myself an useful Member of Society, and acquire a Subsistance suitable to my Genius and Education.——And, as I am at a Loss how to lay a Foundation for my future Livelihood, I humbly propose to lay before the Public a faithful Narrative of my Travels, and Adventures, for upwards of twenty Years past; which I would publish, by the Subscriptions of such Gentlemen as will be pleased generously to favour the Undertaking; which I have been encouraged to hope a great many will do.——By this Method I may be enabled to raise a moderate Sum, in Order to settle in a creditable Way of Living, and convince Mankind of the Sincerity of my Intentions, wholly to reform what-ever has been amiss in my former Conduct.——

And as I propose this Advantage to myself, so I am hopeful, that the Relation of many Transactions of my Life will be not only an agreeable Amusement, but also, in some Degree, useful to others; as therein the World may see by what unjustifiable Steps I often proceeded, and learn thereby to avoid those Snares and Temptations, by which I have been often entangled and overcome; and which will prove equally hurtful to others, who are so unwise as to follow the like extravagant Courses.

Thomas Bell.

PROPOSALS *for Printing by* SUBSCRIPTION,

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For upwards of twenty Years of his Life, *viz.* From the Year 1730 to this present Year 1752. Together with a brief Account of his Birth, Parentage, Education, *&c.*

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N. B. The above Undertaking hath already met with such Success, that upwards of Forty Gentlemen subscrib'd the first Day the Subscription was open'd.

To be SOLD to the highest Bidder,

ON *Thursday* the 20th of this Instant, at *Blandford*, on *Appamattox* River, a choice Assortment of Medicines, and Chirurgick Instruments, with a valuable Collection of Books on Physick, Surgery, and various other Subjects, together with sundry valuable Horses, Liquors, Beds, and other Houshold Furniture, being the personal Estate of Doctor *Ebenezer Campbell*, deceas'd. Six Months Credit will be allowed for any Sum above 5 *l.* the Purchaser giving Bond with Security. All Persons indebted to him are requested to make speedy Payment, and his Creditors are desired to bring in their Accounts as soon as possible, that they may be discharged. A Catalogue of the Books, Medicines, *&c.* may be seen at his Shop, in *Blandford*, any Time before the Day of Sale.

Hugh Miller,
Richard Weir, } Administrators.
Roger Atkinson,

N. B. Greatest Part of the Medicines were imported from *London* this Summer.

To be SOLD,

A NEW Vessel, *now* on the Stocks, Burthen about 150 Tons *English* Tonage, can be launched by the first Day of *September* next; and one Vessel of about 100 Tons, which can be made with a double or single Deck. The Terms may be known by applying to Mr. *Thomas Talbot*, in *Norfolk* County. t. f.

Pursuant to the Will of the deceased Daniel Triplett,

THERE will be expos'd to publick Sale, on *Friday* the 18th of *September* next, if fair, (if not the next fair Day) Two Lots of Land in the Town of *Port-Royal*, on one of which is a large good Dwelling-House, and several Out-houses; very convenient for an Ordinary Keeper. The Sale will be on the Premisses, and Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Buyer giving Bond and Security to the Executors.

To be SOLD, on the 18th Day of September *next,* in Elizabeth-City *County, in* Hampton, *for ready Money,*

A LARGE Dwelling-House, with Brick gable Ends, a Brick Cellar, [illegible] on the lower Floor, and four Rooms above, and a Passage through the [illegible] a Kitchen, and other convenient Houses, with a Lot of Land, a good Garden, with Trees and Herbs suitable thereto; also [illegible] Sorts of Houshold Goods. The above-mentioned House joins two Streets, and fronts the River.

John Henry Routledge.

To be SOLD, at publick AUCTION, *agreeable to the last Will and Testament of Capt.* John Turner, *late of* Nansemond *County, deceased,*

ON the second *Friday* in *October* next, (if fair, if not the next fair Day, not being *Sunday*) on the Premisses, lying on the South Side of *Meherrin* River, in *Brunswick* County, about 900 Acres of very good Land, in Order for Cropping, with a Dwelling-House, Quarter and some Out-houses thereon. Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaser, on his giving Bond and Security to the Subscribers.

All Persons who are indebted to the said Deceased's Estate, are desired to pay their respective Ballances, or they may expect to be sued without further Notice; and those who have any Demands against the said Estate are desired to send in their Accounts, that they may be discharged, by

Simon Turner,
James Hall, } Executors.

August 18, 1752.

RAN away, or stolen, from the Subscriber, living in *York* Town, a Negro Man named *York*, who was imported here in a Ship this Summer, [illegible] Hon. *William Nelson*, Esq; and Company; he is about 24 or 25 Years of Age, and had on when he went away a Pair of old Calimanco Trowsers, and an old Shirt; his Head was half shaved and scabby: If the said Slave is stolen and carried out of this Government, and the Thief can be brought to Justice, I hereby promise to pay Ten Pistoles Reward, and whoever apprehends and secures the said Slave, so that he may be had again, shall have Five Pistoles Reward, paid by

Thomas Nelson, Junr.

N. B. He can't speak *English*, but will answer to the Name of *York*, very readily.

RAN away, Yesterday, from the Subscriber, living in *Charles-City* County, a well-set Negroe Man Slave, named *Jasper*, about six Feet and an Inch high, much pitted with the Small-pox; he was lately brought from *New-York*, but was either born or lived in the *West-Indies*, by which he has acquired their peculiar Way of Speaking, and seems to frown when he talks; he carried with him different Sorts of Apparel, &c. Whoever apprehends and conveys him to me, shall receive a Pistole Reward, besides the Allowance by Law, but if taken out of the Province, Five Pistoles.

William Eaglestone.

August 16, 1752.

RAN away from the Subscriber, in *York* Town, on *Thursday* the 6th Instant, an Apprentice Lad, named *Hugh Campbell*, about 18 Years of Age, 5 Feet 5 Inches high, a thick well-set Fellow, freckled in the Face; he was born at Sea, and can neither read nor write: Had on, or carried with him, a double-breasted Pembroke Cloth Jacket, a dark coloured Fustian Jacket and Breeches, two new brown Linen Shirts, and a Pair of Trowsers. He came from *Albemarle* County, and is supposed to be gone that Way. Whoever apprehends and brings him to me, shall have a Pistole Reward, besides what the Law allows.

John Richardson.

IF any of the Descendants of Mr. *John Hughes*, late Merchant on *York* River, will apply to the Printer hereof, they may hear of Something to their Advantage.

N. B. He formerly married Mrs. *Frances Anderson*, of the said River, and died in the Year 1704 or 1705, and what Arms he bore is cut on his Tomb Stone; he left two Sons, *Butler* and *Richard*, and one Daughter, named *Martha*, who married one Mr. *James Powell*, Cook, about the Year 1718.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Gentlemen of the Governor's Company, That a General Meeting is appointed to be held at the Town of *Norfolk*, on the first *Friday* in *September* next, by Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and, That such Members as shall not then attend will probably be excluded, and other Subscribers admitted in their Stead.

George Webb.
William Taylor.

To be RUN for, at Leeds *Town,*

ON *Tuesday* the 26th of *September* next, a Purse of about Forty-five Pounds Value, by any Horse, Mare, *&c.* (that has not already won one of them) the best of three Four Mile Heats, each Horse carrying ten Stone; a Non-Subscriber to pay Ten Pistoles Entrance Money, or by no Means to be entitled to any Part of the Purse, or Stakes, which Entrance Money is to be for the second best Horse: And, on *Thursday* following, a Purse of about Ninety Pounds Value to be run for, on the Terms aforesaid. Every Horse, *&c.* that runs must be shewn at *Leeds* Town, and enter'd the *Tuesday* Se'nnight before the Race Day, and the Entrance Money paid, *&c.*

Mark Talbott.

N. B. As I advanc'd my own Money last Year, for Good of Sport, for one of the Purses, I now lie out of Fifteen Pistoles of my Money: It's to be hoped, that Gentlemen who are Subscribers to that Purse will contrive it to

Their humble Servant,

Mark Talbott

King & Queen County, *July* 21, 1752.

A CASE mark'd A S with E at Bottom, N° 1, containing a Gun, a Silver Watch, a Motto Ring, was shipp'd by Mr. *Edward Atherton*, on Board the *Martha*, *John Capper*; the Bill of Lading says, *To be delivered at the Ship Side*; so expect they are landed at *Hampton*, or *Norfolk*. Whoever will give Intelligence, so that the Goods may be had, or deliver them to me, at *Shepherd's* Warehouse, or to Mr. *Samuel Price*, in *York* Town, shall have any reasonable Satisfaction made them, by

John Metcalfe.

THE

THE *Adventure*, *William Cumbuſs*, Maſter, Burthen about 350 Hogheads, now lying at Capt. *Ruſſell's*, in *Pamunky*, will take in Tobacco, for *London*, at 7 *l.* per Ton, with Liberty of Conſignment. Gentlemen, inclinable to ſhip, are deſired to ſend their Names or Orders to Mr. *William Stevenſon*, Merchant, at *York*, or to the Captain on Board.

t. f.

THE [illegible] Maſter, lying in *James-River*, will take in [illegible] at 7 *l.* per Ton, with Li[illegible] Gentlemen [illegible] to ſend their Orders to [illegible] *Stevenſon*, Merchant, at *Hampton*; Mr. *Edward Vaſſall*, at *James-Town*, the Maſter on Board; and *Peter Pelham*, in *Williamſburg*, or to

John Hastings.

To be SOLD, together or in Parcels,

A [illegible] belonging to Mr. *Humphry Bell*, of [illegible] for Terms enquire of the Subſcriber [illegible]

[illegible] Company, Merchants, [illegible] Mr. *James Bowie*, are deſired [illegible] Mr. *Alexander Hamilton*, who is impowered to [illegible] Houſe of Mr. *Peter Hardy*, in [illegible] have been pretty long due, if this [illegible] to bring Suits againſt thoſe who ſhall

James Sigsbe.

Williamſburg, Auguſt 7, 1752.

[illegible] the Subſcribers are deſired to come and pay the ſame, by [illegible] in Order to enable them to diſcharge their juſt Debts [illegible] which will prevent further Trouble, and in ſo doing they

Their very humble Servants,

John Bryan,
Lancelot Maitland.

[illegible] Houſe, about the Middle [illegible] a chaiſe Diſtance of [illegible] Cuſtomers, may [illegible] after the uſual and uſuall Faſhion; [illegible] with Taſte, &c. by

Their humble Servants,

John Bryan, & Mar. Maitland.

[illegible] Houſe, about the Middle [illegible] Cock, Beech Back, and a [illegible] Horſe, anſwering to his Age, unknown; He [illegible] Williamſburg. Whoever brings [illegible] ſhall have Three Piſtoles Reward, paid by

Richard Bourdon.

[illegible] and Dog of Mine, a middle-ſiz'd Bay Mare, branded [illegible] and near Shoulder [illegible] Whoever takes up the ſaid Mare and Dog, and brings the Mare to *Fredericksburg*, ſhall have Three Piſtoles Reward, and Dog [illegible] Miles of *Fredericksburg*, and Dog [illegible] Miles, or Dog and Mare [illegible] Miles, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward, if taken up within 10 Miles of *Fredericksburg*, or Two Piſtoles if taken up at a greater Diſtance, beſides what the Law allows.

Mr. Robert Hughes, in *Williamſburg*, Mr. *Robert Hughes*, at *Fredericksburg*, or Subſcriber in *Hanover*, will receive the ſame.

Richard Bourdon.

[illegible] Tueſday in [illegible] next, at the Houſe of the Rev. Mr. *Charles Grove*, in the ſaid Pariſh, [illegible] Goods, according to Law; The Dwelling-[illegible] Cloſe about Eight Foot, one Story, and Cellars be- [illegible] as the Creditors will allow.

William Payne, } Churchwardens.
Daniel McCarty. }

Williamſburg, July 30, 1752.

[illegible] Accounts, [illegible] are deſired to [illegible] with their Bonds [illegible] that no one [illegible]

James Dawſon, Executor.

To be SOLD,

By Virtue of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Alexander Spotswood*, Eſq; deceaſed, [illegible] about thirty Miles [illegible] Court-Houſe; the Sale to be on [illegible]

John Spotswood.

[illegible] Bond, bearing [illegible] Date of Bond of ſaid, payable [illegible] Virginia Currency Money; the [illegible] Intereſt, and without any Conſideration [illegible] Witneſs my Hand this 29th

Jeremiah Morton.

[illegible] *Fredericksburg*, on the 15th Inſtant, an *Engliſh* [illegible] a ſlim, black, well-ſet Fellow, about five [illegible] Years of Age; he has a very thick Under-lip, and [illegible] old Brown Coat, an Olive-colour'd Shag and Trowſers, a [illegible] Waiſtcoat, and a Pair of old Shoes; he took with [illegible] Horſe Blanket; he can read and write very well, and pretends [illegible] He is ſuppoſed to be gone down the River, in Order [illegible] and is under no Diſguiſe. Whoever will ſecure and deliver [illegible] Reward if taken up within 30 Miles of *Fredericksburg*, [illegible] taken up at a greater Diſtance, beſides what the Law allows.

William Lyon.

To be SOLD,

PURSUANT to the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Sterling Clark*, deceaſed, for the Payment of his Debts, on *Tueſday* the 14th Day *Auguſt* next, being *Brunſwick* Court-Day, at the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, the *Manoco* Plantation of the ſaid Teſtator, with 1000 Acres of choice Land, with Houſes, Orchards, and other Improvements thereon, and Ground in Order for Cropping ſufficient to employ 12 Slaves. Alſo another Plantation, within two Miles of the former, with 2500 Acres, and other Lands in the ſaid County; and alſo a Moiety of 3000 Acres in the County of *Lunenburg*. The Moiety Deeds will be ſhewn, the Purchaſer giving Bond, with good Security, as ſaid, to

Sl *John Clark, Executor.*

NICHOLAS POWELL, TAYLOR,

IS juſt arriv'd from *England*, and ſettled in *York* Town. Gentlemen who will favour him with their Commands, may depend on being faithfully and expeditiouſly ſerv'd, and in the genteeleſt Faſhion.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying in *James-City* County, about two Miles from where *Powers* formerly kept Ordinary, either together or in Parcels, containing One Thouſand Six Hundred Acres. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſaid Land, may know the Terms by applying to the Subſcriber, living in *King-William* County.

July 21, 1752. t. f. *Thomas Chamberlayne.*

STRAY'D from the Subſcriber, near *Williamſburg*, ſome Time in *May* laſt, a dark Bay Horſe, with a Blaze in his Face, about 13 Hands high, his two hind Feet white, branded on the Shoulder and Buttock W. Alſo a Sorrel Horſe, 14 Hands and one Inch high, with a Star in his Forehead, paces well, branded on the off Buttock S, and on the near Buttock with a plain Broad [illegible]. Whoever brings them to me ſhall receive a Piſtole Reward for each.

t. f. *Nathaniel Crumby, Jun.*

TAKEN up the 30th of *July* 1752, by the Subſcriber, in *New-Kent* County, as Stray, a middle-ſiz'd Bay Mare, with a Blaze in her Face, a black Mane and Tail, branded on the near Buttock C, and on the near Shoulder 40. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

Charles Lemp.

RAN away from the *Patapſco* Iron-Works, in *Maryland*, on the 8th of *July*, a Dutch Servant Man, belonging to *Charles Carroll*, Eſq; and Company, named *Michael Hoffenſtein*, alias *Hoffner*, he went away on Horſeback, having with him two Horſes, one of them of a Roan Colour, the Colour of the other uncertain, but ſuppoſed a Bay; he was ſeen between *Patapſco* and *Annapolis*, and is ſuppoſed to be gone towards *Virginia*. He had on a blue Coat, trimm'd with [illegible] Buttons, a ſcarlet Jacket, and a Pair of Buff Breeches; he has a Dutch Manner: He has a Dutch Gun, which he carries himſelf, ſtamp'd on the Barrel [illegible]. He is a down-looking Fellow, of a middle Size, with black Eyes and black Hair, [illegible] think black Eyes, a ſwarthy Complexion, and Country [illegible].

Whoever ſecures the ſaid Servant, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall have Three Pounds Reward, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

Richard Grant.

STRAY'D from the Subſcriber, in *May* laſt, a large Sorrel Mare, about fourteen Hands and a half high, with a white Mane and Tail, and a ſmall Star down her Face, neither dock'd nor branded, has a natural Pace, and has very remarkable Hoofs, they all having white Streaks down 'em. Whoever brings her to me, in *Brunſwick* County, near the new Court-Houſe, or to Mr. *Robert Hughes*, in *Henrico* County, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward.

Sl *John Clack.*

Middleſex County, *June* 10, 1752.

RAN away, laſt Night from the Subſcriber, a white Servant Man, named *John Johnſon*, a Plaiſterer, and Labourer to underſtand Malting and Brickmaking; he is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, and took with him a dark colour'd Cloth Coat, a lapell'd Fuſtian Coat lined with brown Holland, a brown Allapeen Waiſtcoat lined with Blue, a white Kerſey ditto, two Oznabrigs Shirts, and one white ditto, a Pair of Fuſtian Breeches with white Metal Buttons, one Pair of Oznabrigs Trowſers, a brown Wig, a Felt Hat, a Pair of *Virginia* Yarn Stockings, and Shoes.

Alſo a Mulatto Man, named *Jupiter*, he was lately bought of Mr. *Henry Fowler*, Jun. of *Dorchester* County, in *Maryland*, by *Thomas Whitefield*; he is a ſtout luſty young Fellow, the fore Part of his Head ſhaved, and the back Part long Wool; he took with him a brown Cloth Coat and Waiſtcoat, the Coat has two Patches on the left Side of the Back, ſewed in with white Thread, a Pair of Kerſey'd *Virginia*-Cloth Breeches, ſome brown Linen Shirts, and one white ditto, a Hat, Shoes and Stockings. They took a Gun with them. Whoever will apprehend and convey the ſaid Runaways to me, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward, beſides what the Law allows.

N. B. If they ſhould be taken ſeparate, Two Piſtoles for the white Man, and Eight for the Mulatto.

t. f. *Archibald Chamblin.*

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying in *Hanover* County, about 18 Miles from *Peyton's* Warehouſe, containing about 1000 Acres, more or leſs: There are three Plantations on the ſaid Land, with very good Buildings. The Terms may be known, by applying to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſes.

t. f. *John Winn.*

Stafford County, *March* 2, 1752.

AS I have near 30,000 Acres of extraordinary good freſh Land, in *Fairfax* and *Prince William*, which I would willingly rent out to honeſt Tenants, I have impowered Mr. *John Wolf*, jun. at the Town of *Alexandria* (or *Belhaven*) in *Fairfax*, to ſhew the Lands and agree on the Terms, with ſuch Perſons as apply to him to rent the ſame, for three Lives, or 21 Years, and hereby engage myſelf, and my Heirs, to perform whatever Agreements he enters into on that Account.

t. f. *John Mercer.*

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